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The reply filed on October 2, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' response to the rejection of claim 11, set forth within paragraph 1 of the Office action, fails to be commensurate with the amendment to claim 11. Despite applicants' remarks, the language, "suitable solvent", remains within line 2 of claim 11. It remains unclear with respect to what conditions must be satisfied in order for the solvent to be suitable. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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